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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A method of manufacturing a non-volatile memory device comprising:
 - forming a tunnel oxide layer on a semiconductor substrate having a self-aligned shallow trench isolation;
 - depositing a first floating gate layer on the tunnel oxide layer at a first temperature of no less than about 530°C; and
 - in-situ depositing a second floating gate layer on the first floating gate layer at a second temperature of no more than about 520°C.
2. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first floating gate layer comprises either doped polycrystalline silicon or undoped polycrystalline silicon.
3. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second floating gate layer comprises either doped amorphous silicon or undoped amorphous silicon.
4. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first temperature is in the range of approximately 530°C to 650°C.
5. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second temperature is no more than about 550°C.
6. (Original) A method of manufacturing a non-volatile memory device comprising:
 - forming a tunnel oxide layer on a semiconductor substrate having a self-aligned shallow trench isolation;
 - loading the substrate into a piece of deposition equipment;
 - depositing a doped polycrystalline silicon on the tunnel oxide layer while introducing a first doping gas in the deposition equipment at a first temperature of more than about 530°C to thereby form a first floating gate layer;
 - in-situ depositing a doped amorphous silicon on the first floating gate layer while introducing a second doping gas in the deposition equipment at a second temperature of less than about 580°C to thereby form a second floating gate layer; and
 - unloading the substrate from the deposition equipment.

7. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the first and second doping gases comprise a phosphine (PH₃) gas.

8. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the first and second floating gate layers are deposited in a single processing chamber.

9. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the first floating gate layer is deposited in a first processing chamber of the deposition equipment and the second floating gate layer is deposited in a second processing chamber of the deposition equipment.

10. (Original) A method of manufacturing a non-volatile memory device comprising:

forming a tunnel oxide layer on a semiconductor substrate having a self-aligned shallow trench isolation;

loading the substrate into a piece of deposition equipment;

depositing an undoped polycrystalline silicon on the tunnel oxide layer at a first temperature of no less than about 530°C to thereby form a first floating gate layer;

in-situ depositing a doped amorphous silicon on the first floating gate layer while introducing a doping gas in the deposition equipment at a second temperature of no more than about 580°C to thereby form a second floating gate layer; and

unloading the substrate from the deposition equipment.

11. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the doping gas comprises a phosphine (PH₃) gas.

12. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the first and second floating gate layers are deposited in a single processing chamber.

13. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the first floating gate layer is deposited in a first processing chamber of the deposition equipment and the second floating gate layer is deposited in a second processing chamber of the deposition equipment.

14. (Original) A method of manufacturing a non-volatile memory device comprising:

forming a tunnel oxide layer on a semiconductor substrate having a self-aligned shallow trench isolation structure;

loading the substrate into a piece of deposition equipment;

depositing an undoped polycrystalline silicon on the tunnel oxide layer at a first temperature of no less than about 530°C to thereby form a first floating gate layer;

in-situ depositing an undoped amorphous silicon on the first floating gate layer at a second temperature of no more than about 580°C to thereby form a second floating gate layer;

unloading the substrate from the deposition equipment; and

ion-implanting a dopant on the substrate on which the second floating gate layer is formed, to thereby dope the first and second floating gate layers with the dopant.

15. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the dopant comprises either phosphorus (P) or boron (B).

16. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the first and second floating gate layers are deposited in a single processing chamber.

17. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the first floating gate layer is deposited in a first processing chamber of the deposition equipment and the second floating gate layer is deposited in a second processing chamber of the deposition equipment.

18. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 14, further comprising the step of performing a heat treatment to activate the dopant, after doping the first and second floating gate layers.

19. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 18, wherein the heat treatment is carried out at a temperature of no less than about 300°C.